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Scope and Content Note: These photographs depict medical activities during the Spanish-American War. Box 001 consists mainly of the bound volume *Medical Department Activities in Puerto Rico*. Boxes 002 and 003 are loose photographs from the Philippine Islands, Puerto Rico, and Cuba. A number of the photographs may have been taken by Army Medical Museum staff. Some of the photographs in the Philippines were probably taken by Lt. C.F. O'Keefe. See also Harper's *Pictorial History of the War with Spain* (New York: Harper & Brothers, 1899) for additional background information.

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